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H J.R. No. 7

By:



A JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other
3 federal agencies to establish a veterans hospital in the Rio
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13 region of the state.

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15 resources to the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a
16 veterans hospital described by this section.

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18 article shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be
19 held November 3, 2009. The ballot shall be printed to permit
20 voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional
21 amendment to require partnering with the United States Department
22 of Veterans Affairs and other federal agencies to establish a
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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

2009 APR 29 PM 11:32
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1st Printing

By: Flores, Leibowitz

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COMMITTEE REPORT

The Honorable Joe Straus
Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives

April 22, 2016
(date)

Sir:
We, your **COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**
to whom was referred HJR 7 have had the same under consideration and beg to report
back with the recommendation that it

- ☒ do pass, without amendment.
- ☐ do pass, with amendment(s).
- ☐ do pass and be not printed; a Complete Committee Substitute is recommended in lieu of the original measure.
- ☒ yes ☐ no A fiscal note was requested.
- ☐ yes ☒ no A criminal justice policy impact statement was requested.
- ☐ yes ☒ no An equalized educational funding impact statement was requested.
- ☐ yes ☒ no An actuarial analysis was requested.
- ☐ yes ☒ no A water development policy impact statement was requested.
- ☐ yes ☒ no A tax equity note was requested.
- ☐ The Committee recommends that this measure be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars.

Corresponding joint resolution or enabling legislation number: _____

For Senate Measures: House Sponsor _____

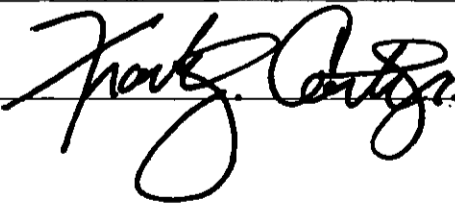
Joint Sponsors: _____

Co-Sponsors: _____

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

	AYE	NAY	PNV	ABSENT
FRANK J. CORTE, JR., Chair	X			
ALLEN VAUGHT, Vice-Chair	X			
Norma Chávez	X			
Al Edwards	X			
Joe Farias	X			
Diana Maldonado	X			
Solomon Ortiz, Jr.	X			
Joe Pickett	X			
Chris Turner				X

Total 8
0 aye
0 nay
0 present, not voting
1 absent

CHAIR 

BILL ANALYSIS

H.J.R. 7
By: Flores
Defense & Veterans' Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

In February 2009, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs finalized contracts with the Valley Baptist Health System in Harlingen and the South Texas Health System in Hidalgo County to provide inpatient, surgical, emergency, and mental health services to veterans enrolled in VA benefit programs. While this is positive news for valley veterans, there is still a vital need for a full-fledged veterans hospital. The nearest existing VA hospital is approximately 300 miles away, in San Antonio, and rising travel costs make the trek too costly for many patients.

H.J.R. 7 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to require the Texas Veterans Commission and the Department of State Health Services to work with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and any other appropriate federal agency to propose that the federal government establish a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this resolution does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.J.R. 7 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to require the Texas Veterans Commission and the Department of State Health Services to work with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and any other appropriate federal agency to propose that the federal government establish a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state. The resolution authorizes the state to contribute money, property, and other resources to the establishment, maintenance, and operation of such a veterans hospital, and sets forth the required language for the ballot.

ELECTION DATE

The constitutional amendment proposed by this joint resolution will be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTION

HJR 7

April 22, 2009 8:00 AM

Considered in public hearing

Testimony taken/registration(s) recorded in committee

Reported favorably without amendment(s)

2
✓

WITNESS LIST

HJR 7
HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT
Defense & Veterans' Affairs Committee

April 22, 2009 - 8:00 AM

For: Herrera, Paul C. (American G.I. Forum of Texas)

Registering, but not testifying:

For: Rodriguez, Gilbert (American GI Forum of Texas Inc)

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 21, 2009

TO: Honorable Frank Corte Jr., Chair, House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HJR7 by Flores (Proposing a constitutional amendment to require partnering with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal agencies to establish a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state.), **As Introduced**

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Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 403 Veterans Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

LBB Staff: JOB, KK, JM

HOUSE ENGROSSMENT

By: Flores, Leibowitz, Guillen, Martinez

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LBB Staff: JOB, KK, JM

1-1 By: Flores, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.J.R. No. 7
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2009;
1-3 May 15, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
1-4 Affairs and Military Installations; May 21, 2009, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0; May 21, 2009,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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FAVORABLE
SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT ON

SB SCR SJR SR HB HCR HJR 7
By Flores/Hinojosa
(Author/Senate Sponsor)
May 20, 2009
(date)

VETERAN AFFAIRS

We, your Committee on AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, to which was referred the attached measure,
have on May 20, 2009, had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it
(date of hearing)
back with the recommendation(s) that it:

☒ do pass and be printed

☐ do pass and be ordered not printed

☐ and is recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Bills Calendar.

A fiscal note was requested. ☒ yes ☐ no

A revised fiscal note was requested. ☐ yes ☒ no

An actuarial analysis was requested. ☐ yes ☒ no

Considered by subcommittee. ☐ yes ☒ no

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PNV
Senator Van de Putte, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Shapleigh, Vice-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Estes			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Senator Huffman			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
TOTAL VOTES				

COMMITTEE ACTION

8288 Considered in public hearing
6276 Testimony taken

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COMMITTEE CLERK

Leticia Van de Putte
CHAIR

Paper clip the original and one copy of this signed form to the original bill
Retain one copy of this form for Committee files

WITNESS LIST

HJR 7

Senate Committee Report

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

May 20, 2009 - 1:30 PM or upon adjournment

FOR:

Herrera, Paul C. Texas State Commander (American GI Forum), Austin, TX

Registering, but not testifying:

For:

Rodriguez, Gil State Executive (American GI Forum), Austin, TX

On:

Andreades, Wendy Senior Policy Analyst (Texas Department of State Health Services),
Austin, TX

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

H.J.R. 7
By: Flores et al. (Hinojosa)
Veteran Affairs & Military Installations
5/18/2009
Engrossed

AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In February 2009, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) finalized contracts with the Valley Baptist Health System in Harlingen and the South Texas Health System in Hidalgo County to provide inpatient, surgical, emergency, and mental health services to veterans enrolled in VA benefit programs. While this is positive news for Rio Grande Valley veterans, there is still a vital need for a full-fledged veterans hospital. The nearest VA hospital is in San Antonio, and rising travel costs make the 300-mile trip too costly for many patients.

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RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Article XVI, Texas Constitution, by adding Section 73, as follows:

Sec. 73. (a) Requires the Texas Veterans Commission and the Department of State Health Services to work with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and any other appropriate federal agency to propose that the federal government establish a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state.

(b) Authorizes the state to contribute money, property, and other resources to the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a veterans hospital described by this section.

SECTION 2. Requires the proposed constitutional amendment to be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009. Sets forth the required language of the ballot.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 18, 2009

TO: Honorable Leticia Van de Putte, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HJR7 by Flores (Proposing a constitutional amendment to require partnering with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal agencies to establish a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state.), **As Engrossed**

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The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$90,882.

The resolution would propose a constitutional amendment that would require the Texas Veterans Commission and the Department of State Health Services to work with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and any other appropriate federal agency to establish a veteran's hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state. It is assumed that any additional costs associated with implementation of the bill could be absorbed within existing state resources.

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LBB Staff: JOB, KK, JM

ADOPTED

MAY 25 2009

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

Letay Law
Secretary of the Senate

BY:

J. J. Hung

1 Amend H.J.R. No. 7 (senate committee printing) by striking
2 all below the resolving clause and substituting the following:

3 SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by
4 adding Section 73 to read as follows:

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7 operation of veterans hospitals in this state.

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9 resolution shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be
10 held November 3, 2009. The ballot shall be printed to permit
11 voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional
12 amendment authorizing the state to contribute money, property,
13 and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and
14 operation of veterans hospitals in this state."

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SENATE AMENDMENTS

2009 MAY 28 PM 9:01

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2nd Printing

By: Flores, Leibowitz, Guillen, Martinez

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Atty. Gen.
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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 28, 2009

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HJR7 by Flores (Proposing a constitutional amendment to require partnering with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal agencies to establish a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state.), **As Passed 2nd House**

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The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$90,882.

The resolution would propose amending Article XVI of the Texas Constitution by adding Section 73 that would allow the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans hospitals in this state. The amendment would be submitted to voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009.

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LBB Staff: JOB, KK, JM

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

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Austin, Texas

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LBB Staff: JOB, KK, JM

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H.J.R. No. 7

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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16 resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of
17 veterans hospitals in this state."

H.J.R. No. 7

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.J.R. No. 7 was passed by the House on May 13, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 7 on May 29, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.J.R. No. 7 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

RECEIVED: _____

Date

Secretary of State

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.J.R. No. 7
(1) was passed by the House

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(2), 2009, by the following vote:

Yeas 140, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting
(3) (4)

and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 7

on May 29
(5), 2009, by the following

vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting
(6) (7)

Chief Clerk of the House

**** Preparation: CT19

I certify that H.J.R. No. 7
(1) was passed by the Senate, with

amendments, on May 25
(2), 2009, by the following

vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0
(3) (4)

Secretary of the Senate

RECEIVED:

Date

Secretary of State

**** Preparation: CT20

for chief clerk use only

Bill or Resolution Number:

HR 7

JOINT AUTHOR AUTHORIZATION

As primary author of HR-7 I hereby authorize the following joint author(s):

(bill or resolution #)

David Liebowitz
printed name of joint author #1

[Signature]
signature of joint author #1

4/22/09
date

Ryan Guillen
printed name of joint author #2

Ryan Guillen
signature of joint author #2

MAY 13 2009
date

"Mando" Martinez
printed name of joint author #3

[Signature]
signature of joint author #3

MAY 13 2009
date

printed name of joint author #4

signature of joint author #4

date

[Signature]
signature of primary author

4/22/09
date

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HJR. No. 7

By Flores

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APR 15 2009

PERMISSION GRANTED TO INTRODUCE

APR 15 2009

Filed with the Chief Clerk

APR 15 2009

Read first time and referred to Committee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs

APR 22 2009

Reported favorably (~~unfavorably~~)
(as substituted)

APR 30 2009

Sent to Committee on Calendars

MAY 13 2009

Read second time (~~comm. subst.~~) (~~amended~~) and adopted (~~passed to third reading~~) by a record vote of 40 yeas, 0 nays, 1 present, not voting

Read third time (amended) and finally adopted (failed of adoption) by a record vote of yeas, nays, present, not voting

MAY 14 2009

Engrossed

MAY 14 2009

Sent to Senate

Robert Haney
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

OTHER HOUSE ACTION:

MAY 14 2009

Received from the House

VETERAN AFFAIRS &
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

MAY 15 2009

Read and referred to Committee on

MAY 21 2009

Reported favorably

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time

Ordered not printed

MAY 25 2009

Laid before the Senate

MAY 25 2009

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by (unanimous consent)
(yeas, nays)

MAY 25 2009

Read second time, Amended, and passed to third reading by (unanimous consent)
(a viva voce vote)
(yeas, nays)

MAY 25 2009

Senate and Constitutional 3 Day Rules suspended by a vote of 30 yeas, 0 nays

MAY 25 2009

Read third time, , and passed by 30 yeas, 0 nays

MAY 28 2009

Returned to the House

Anthony Spaw
SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

OTHER SENATE ACTION:

MAY 28 2009

Returned from the Senate (as ~~referred~~)
(with amendments)

MAY 29 2009

House concurred in Senate amendments by a (~~non-record vote~~)
(record vote of 142 yeas, 0 nays, 1 present, not voting)

House refused to concur in Senate amendments and requested the appointment of a conference committee
by a (non-record vote) (record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

House conferees appointed: _____, Chair; _____,

Senate granted House request. Senate conferees appointed: _____, Chair;

Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the House by a record vote of
_____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting

Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the Senate by a record vote of
_____ yeas, _____ nays

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